PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: CONTRUCCI et al.

Serial No.: 09/892,654

Group No.: 1742

Filed: June 28, 2001

Examiner: Melvyn J. Andrews.

For:

EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION AND FEEDING OF CHARGE AND FUEL

IN SHAFT FURNACES OF RECTANGULAR CROSS SECTION

Attorney Docket No.: 949447-6

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action of May 16, 2003, it is requested that the following amendments, being filed concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination, be made.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.10)

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date <u>September 16, 2003</u> in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" Mailing Label Number <u>EV327549939US</u> addressed to the: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

JENNIFER RASHKIN
(Type or print name of person mailing paper)

(Signature of person mailing paper)

NOTE: Each paper or fee referred to as enclosed herein has the number of the "EXPRESS MAIL" mailing label place thereon prior to mailing 37 CFR 1.16(b).